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LOK SABHA

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EXTERNAL AIDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the environmental projects being launched in the country particularly in Gujarat with foreign assistance;

(b) The amount provided for the purpose, project-wise; and

(c) The progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) Presently, no new environmental projects are being launched in Gujarat with foreign assistance. However, details of the foreign assisted projects which are under implementation are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4205 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.0 REGARDING `EXTERNAL AIDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS` RAISED BY SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

The following externally aided projects are implemented in Gujarat along with other States in the field of environment:

1) World Bank Aided Industrial Pollution Prevention Project: The duration of the project is uptoMarch, 2002. A total sum of US $23 million has been allocated for this project by the World Bank. The objective is to promote cost effective pollution abatement from industrial sources and in particular to strengthen institutional capacity of State Pollution Control Boards of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.Under this project, Government of India is funding for Geographic Information System (GIS) for hazardous wastes tracking and for Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP). A sum of Rs.610 lakhs has been provided for GIS hazardous wastes tracking system and Rs.480.88 lakhs disbursed. The GIS hazardous wastes tracking system has been installed and started functioning. An amount of Rs.543.16 lakhs has been provided for setting up of CETPs at Surat and Vadodara and Rs.354.78 lakhs has been disbursed. The CETP of Vadodara has been commissioned and CETP of Surat will be commissioned shortly.

2) World Bank Assisted Environment Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project: This project is being implemented by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Department of Ocean Development and Government of Gujarat. The World Bank is providing a total International Development Association (IDA) credit of US $29.62 million (Rs.14,062.01 lakhs)Out of which, the outlay for Gujarat component is US $2.42 million (Rs.1,145.19 lakhs).The Government of Gujarat is executing the following components:

a) NGO Environmental Action Fund.
b) State Environment Action Programme.
c) Institutional Strengthening.

So far an expenditure of Rs.3,380.75 lakhs (US $7.349 million) has been incurred.Out of which, the expenditure under Gujarat sub component is Rs.454.57 lakhs (US $0.988 million).

3) World Bank Aided India Eco-development Project:The duration of the project is upto December, 2001. The total outlay for the project is Rs.229 crores. The project aims at conserving biodiversity to eco-development and improved protective area management, village eco-development and environmental education and research. In Gujarat, the protected area identified is Gir National Park with a total outlay of Rs.3674 lakhs. An amount of Rs.1,574.93 lakhs has been released to Gujarat under the project.